

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed August 23, 2007, the Examiner noted that claims 1-16 were pending and rejected all claims. Claims 7-9 have been amended, and, thus, in view of the forgoing claims 1-16 remain pending for reconsideration which is requested. No new matter has been added. The Examiner's rejections are traversed below.

In the Action, on pages 2-11 the Examiner rejected claims 1-13 for non-statutory obviousness double patenting over various claims of US patent 6,910,021. Attached is a Terminal Disclaimer. It is submitted that claims 1-13 are now allowable. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

In the Office Action on page 12, the Examiner rejected claims 7-9 under 35 U.S.C. section 112 paragraph 2 as indefinite. The claims have been amended in consideration of the Examiner's comments and it is submitted they satisfy the requirements of the statute. If additional concerns with the claims arise, the Examiner is invited to telephone to resolve the same. Suggestions by the Examiner are also welcome. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

On page 12, the Examiner indicated that claims 14-16 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the above discussed double patenting rejection. Claims 14-16 depend from allowable claim 12. Allowance of claims 14-16 is requested.

In accordance with the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome and/or rendered moot. And further, that all pending claims patentably distinguish over the prior art. Thus, there being no further outstanding objections or rejections, the application is submitted as being in condition for allowance which action is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any remaining issues to be addressed, it is believed that prosecution can be expedited and possibly concluded by the Examiner contacting the undersigned attorney for a telephone interview to discuss any such remaining issues.

If there are any underpayments or overpayments of fees associated with the filing of this Amendment, please charge and/or credit the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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